

February 12, 2003

Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20544

RE: CC Docket No. 01-338, Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

Dear Commissioner Powell:

As the Executive Director of the Lynwood Chamber of Commerce, our community's growth is dependent on access to the latest technologies and advancements in the telecommunications industry – and at a reasonable price.

It is time the FCC creates a level playing field for telecommunications companies to compete on - and looks out for the interests of small businesses.

It is critical that the FCC establishes a national framework governing the telecom industry that encourages investment in infrastructure and creates an environment allowing for long-term, sustainable competition.

The FCC should eliminate the unbundled network element platform (UNE-P), which has devastated investment and growth. Moreover, the FCC should eliminate other unbundling requirements where facilities-based competition has developed.

Furthermore, the FCC should seek to pave the way for new telecommunications services to be rolled out more quickly and efficiently. Freeing broadband investment from costly unbundling requirements will encourage further investment and the deployment of valuable new technologies nationwide.

Sincerely,

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